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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, AUGUST 29TH, 1895.

This seems after all to be some doubt whether the percentage principle of levying the military contribution will prove uniformly satisfactory. At Ceylon the present payment amounts to about seven per cent., and one of the local papers declares that there will be a revolution before they will consent to be plundered to the extent of 173 per cent. We have already shown that in Hongkong it would be inequitable to levy the percentage on the whole of our revenue, and that municipal revenue ought to be exempt. A somewhat similar argument is used at Ceylon. A tax is levied in that colony on the food supply, the paddy tax, and it is urged that it would be unfair to make that portion of the revenue contribute to the military milt.

Seeing that the other Crown Colonies are exempt from taxation on food. It seems impossible to arrange any system of levying the military contribution which shall be absolutely equal in its incidence on the various colonies unless allowances are made, in each case according to the circumstances of the particular colony. Seeing that there is not uniformity of taxation in the colonies adjustments must be made before levying a uniform percentage on the revenue as for Imperial purposes. In Hongkong at least one-tenth of our gross revenue should be exempted from the milt. on the ground of its being municipal revenue required to meet municipal expenditure.

The question is also complicated by the introduction of ex-rm charges for barrack services, a point to which reference has already been made in this column. We revert to it again for the purpose of drawing attention to a new development which has taken place at Singapore. Mr. HUTTERBACH, a member of the Straits Legislative Council, has given "notice" of his intention to move a resolution to the effect that the colony shall offer to pay 20 per cent. of its revenue in full discharge of its liabilities to the Imperial Government, instead of 173 per cent. for the garrison, with an indefinite liability for barrack services, fortifications, etc. We have not the exact terms of the resolution before us, as there is a hiatus in our Singapore file, but from the references made to it in issues subsequent to that in which it seems to have been published we gather that the above is its purport. The proposal appears to have been variously received. The Straits Times, we infer, has given its support, but the issue containing the article has not yet come to hand. In a subsequent issue of that paper one correspondent strongly opposes the idea, saying:—"To offer in perpetuity twenty per cent. of our gross income as our subscription to the cost of the defence of the colony is one of the riskiest projects that we have yet heard. We may have to 'troop' stationed here at all, we may have a revenue treble that of the current year, but our unhappy successors will have to disburden themselves of a fifth of their income. The colony would never be well."

ing to pledge itself to such an unknown quantity. It would be a move made in the dark. The proposed offer exceeds in generosity anything that the Colonial Office would ever think or hope of extorting." Another correspondent, writing from the opposite point of view, says:—"The Colonial Office now dislikes wrangling on the colonial contribution towards garrison outlay, but does not realize that further wrangling will be the inevitable accompaniment of further forced contributions towards outlay on barracks and military accommodations. The moment this is grasped, the advantage of Messrs. HUTTERBACH and BROWN's proposal for a 20 cent. contribution in satisfaction of all military claims whatever upon the colony becomes evident. That proposal will not please extremists on either side, but moderate people will hail its adoption with satisfaction as a working compromise that would close an irritating and wearying controversy." The Free Press approves the proposal in toto, and makes the statement, on authority, that "The Colonial Office, notwithstanding Lord RILEY's despatch, were in May inclined to fix a percentage inclusive of all charges and the term named by Lord RILEY and to be merely construed, as an afterthought, as maintaining a leverage against the colony to be availed of should opportunity offer." Our contemporary further refers to Mr. HUTTERBACH's action as "his unjustified effort to chuck the colony's money needlessly out of the window." We must confess that it strikes us somewhat in the same light. The matter comes home to us, because if twenty per cent. is agreed upon as regards the Straits, then twenty per cent. will be demanded from Hongkong. We trust the Hongkong Legislative Council will hold fast to the principle that the 173 per cent. already proposed should cover all charges whatsoever and that the percentage should be levied only after a fair deduction has been made from the revenue to cover municipal charges.

The American Lloyd's steamer *Glossa* left Kobe for this port at 8 p.m. yesterday.

The P. & O. steamer *Ceylon*, from China, arrived at London on the morning of the 27th inst.

The C. P. steamer *Empress of Japan* left Vancouver on the morning of the 27th inst. for Hongkong.

The O. & O. steamer *Beppu*, with mails, &c., left San Francisco for this port via Yokohama and Nagasaki on the 24th instant.

From a Government notification published in our advertisement columns it will be seen that the fairway buoys at the west end of the central fairway are to be marked at night by a red light each.

The P. M. steamer *Catina*, with mails, &c., from San Francisco to the 13th instant, has arrived at Yokohama, and will leave for this port this morning, the 29th instant, via Nagasaki.

The Royal Artillery were summoned at the Police Court yesterday for having a number of dwelling houses in such an insanitary condition as to be prejudicial to the health of the inmates. Mr. Master, Acting Crown Solicitor, appeared to prosecute on behalf of the Sanitary Board, and Mr. Mounsey appeared for the defendant. Objection was taken to the evidence of the complainants on the ground that the defendant had not adduced any evidence to sustain his claim that the houses were not insanitary. The Magistrate said—*"I have not the slightest idea what caused him to go overboard."*

Witness—*"My idea is that he was not looking after the launch but was attending to something else. He came natural for a man to do."*

Witness—*"I am not with him. I was looking at the launch when he looked at the launch at the place where we were the current was not strong. The propeller had been put in motion the bone of the leg would have been fractured."*

Witness—*"No, your Worship."*

The Magistrate—*"This number was Chinese characters?"*

Witness—*"Yes, we have a system of marking the numbers in our books."*

The Magistrate—*"Did you not write down the number?"*

Witness—*"I have written with a few strokes and then I have put his number down as 43."*

The Magistrate—*"But he was not assisting you that day?"*

Witness—*"No, he was on launch duty, which is different."*

The Magistrate—*"Did you know him by his face?"*

Witness—*"Well yes."*

The Magistrate—*"Did you know the man's face?"*

Witness—*"I did, your worship."*

The Magistrate—*"You knew the man's face, and you knew that that face had the number 43?"*

Witness—*"Yes, I should like to add that there were several other Customs officers and campains near the shore looking for the body."*

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Mr. Frank Brown, Assistant Government Analyst, replied—It would be scarcely possible for me to give an opinion on the evidence of the complainants as far as the identification of the deceased is concerned, as the defendant was responsible, as she collected the rents and could turn out the tenants, and she was the person who suffered the greatest inconvenience. The Magistrate said it would take time to identify the body of one and to give leave for a few days to be given for identifying the body of each house complained of.

The vacancies on the Straits Legislative Council, caused by the resignations in connection with the military contribution question, have been filled up. The Straits Times says:—H. B. has accepted Dr. H. B. Murray as a member of the Legislative Council. The Singapore Chamber of Commerce, subject to a confirmatory meeting, has selected Mr. G. S. Murray as its Council representative. Of the seven "Umobols," the only one who is entirely new to the business is Dr. Liu Boon Keong. Mr. Verney, Mr. Burkhurst, Mr. Brown, Mr. Murray and Mr. B. H. B. Murray are the others. The appointment of the new representative.—The constitution of the Council, as measured by profession or calling, is somewhat odd, inasmuch as it contains two physicians, but otherwise it is fully well assured, with one merchant, one planter, one lawyer, one banker, and one ship owner.

The Sanitary Board will meet this afternoon. The following are the orders of the day:—Tenders for conservancy contract.

Tenders for prevention of cholera at Port Blair.

—Concerning the importation of dead meat into the colony.

Report concerning a case of tetanus.

Certain papers concerning the licensing of certain premises as common lodging-houses.

Certain papers having reference to the re-drawing of 2 Robinson Road.

Certain papers having reference to the re-drawing of 382 to 383 Queen's Road Central.

Certain papers having reference to the re-drawing of 384 to 385 Queen's Road Central.

Report concerning market and slaughter-houses for the quarter ended the 30th June, 1895.

Report by Medical Officer of Health on certain premises.

Certain papers having reference to the re-drawing of 2 Robinson Road.

Report concerning a case of tetanus.

of any state or republican aim. "This was the band that I heard outside the Hawaiian Hotel, and on the very night when they sang back to sing and play just as they had done before any revolution was designed or dreamed of. Dear me, how the people observed their beloved institutions. How glad they were that politics and filibusters had not stolen away the Honolulu, and how they were to sleep with their national poltroons?" "Yankee" "Heads" and "God Save the Queen" had equal honors paid to them, and irrespective of state politics deposited, but still loyal monarchs would step with the Hawaiian nationalists, if there was no ill-feeling in the matter. All the difference was that this "politics" had lost its government, and the "heads" of the country and the coats of the nobilities, who set sail around the beloved single island. Such was the power of sound and song that dollars and the contents were writhing into the hats. I very believe that the most popular name in all Honolulu is the conductor, "who can lead a selection from Tambores and sing a nationalistic song as well as G. W. Hobart's "Sugary Station." —FLEMING Scott, in London Society.

How keenly the foreigner bats into English industry is shown in the case of the Salvation Army. Enormous sums have been spent in advertising their matches, yet according to an interview in the Christian Herald, the sales are not up to expectations, and it must prove difficult to sell other "military" matches. "They can buy fire safety at 11d. the gross," said the officer, "and they sell them at 1d. the gross. The price we pay for labour compels us to charge 3d. a gross for ours, and they are retailed at 2d. Yet we cannot possibly do it for less and pay full wages." Unions people may not be far from the mark when they state that the English are not to be beaten in the competition that part of our business. Foreign competition is so keen that English makers cannot hold their own and pay a living wage." The Army, however, is to make one more desperate bid for success.

Each day adds some new virtue to the long list of those already credited to the pneumatic tire. The latest addition is that of a bicycle being conducted by a hand of indiarubber and air-dry— which is as perfect insulation—the ruler is completely insulated from the earth and, consequently, is impervious to the attacks of the electric fluid. Thus, day by day, it becomes more and more a fact that life without a pneumatic tire is neither safe nor worth having. Anyone who suffers from nervousness during a ride on a bicycle will be relieved of the effects of the cold, and a man himself spared the effects of a pneumatic-tired bicycle to be perfectly safe from lightning stroke. As the chance of a man on a bicycle being struck by lightning has been carefully calculated to be about one in a billion, there will, of course, be some pessimists who will deny that this newly discovered virtue of the pneumatic tire is a lightning-insulator amiss.

Rather an amusing sketch appears in the Times of the handsome and vivacious Princess who, by the marriage of her stepson, has just been relegated to the category of "divorces." The writer gives a poignant account of the way in which a match was made between Princess Leontine Hohenpohl and the late Duke of Aosta. His ex-Majesty Amadeo, a widow, and son of King Humbert, had been induced to offer his services to his son, enterprise knowns, who waited with a smile but never took the lesson to heart. One day, in more solemn tones than usual, he warned her that unless she gave up her frivolities she would never find a husband. "Oh, there will always be a son," my dearest wife," was the lauging reply. Amadeo died last at his home, and nothing could be more appropriate than that his body should be interred with such a nobly displayed by the Duke's death, and Princess Leontine, deprived of her master, deifies King Humbert, and rides her bicycle gaily as ever.

#### COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

WEDNESDAY, 28TH August CLOSING QUOTATIONS ON EXCHANGE.

On LONDON—  
Telegraphic Transfer... 322  
Bank Bills, on demand... 323  
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight... 323  
Creditors, at 3 months' sight... 323  
Dembury Bills, monthly sight... 323

On NEW YORK—  
Bank Bills, on demand... 324  
Creditors, at 4 months' sight... 324

On GREECE—  
On D'land... 221

On NEW YORK—  
Bank Bills, on demand... 324  
Creditors, 60 days' sight... 324

On GREECE—  
Telegraphic Transfer... 197  
Bank Bills, on demand... 197

On CALCUTTA—  
Telegraphic Transfer... 197

On SHANGHAI—  
Bank, at sight... 724  
Private, 30 day's sight... 724

On CHONGMING—  
On demand... 4 pm.

On MANILA—  
On demand... 4 pm.

On SINGAPORE—  
On demand... 1/2 pm.

Sovereign Bank, Buying Rate... 85.60

Gold Leaf, 100 fine, per troy... 47.50

JOINT STOCK BANKS.  
LONDON—  
Bank Bills, on demand... 125  
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight... 125  
Creditors, at 3 months' sight... 125  
Dembury Bills, monthly sight... 125

Hongkong & Shanghai—  
Bank Bills, on demand... 125  
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight... 125  
Creditors, at 3 months' sight... 125  
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BALI Advertiser—  
Bank Bills, on demand... 125  
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BROWN & CO., Hongkong—  
Bank Bills, on demand... 125  
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CAMPBELL & CO., Hongkong—  
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CHAS. LEONARD & CO., Hongkong—  
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DALTON & CO., Hongkong—  
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DARLINGTON & CO., Hongkong—  
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DAVISON & CO., Hongkong—  
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DEAN & CO., Hongkong—  
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DR. KNOX & CO., Hongkong—  
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THE Company's Steamship.

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THE Steamship

"GUTHRIE."

Captain Holm, will be despatched for the above  
port T.D.Y., the 29th inst., at 4 P.M.The well-known Steamer is specially fitted  
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Chamber, which ensures the supply of Fresh  
Provisions throughout the voyage.A Skilled and a duly qualified Surgeon  
is carried.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

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SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA (DIRECT).

THE Company's Steamship.

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Captain Gerard, will be despatched for the above  
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